

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 are objected to. Please cancel claims 1-10 and ADD new claims 11-18.

11. A quick release drum lug assembly comprising:

a¹ an upper lug portion attached to a drum rim, the upper lug portion comprising at least one aperture for receiving a tuning rod therein, the tuning rod extending downwardly through an aperture within the periphery of the drum rim into the upper lug portion, the upper lug portion further comprising a latch located at a bottom portion thereof, the latch hingedly attached to the upper lug portion,

a lower lug portion attached to a drum shell, the lower lug portion comprising a groove of a size and shape corresponding to the upper lug portion, functioning to allow the lower lug portion to slidably receive the upper lug portion therein,

the lower lug portion further comprising a hook located at a bottom portion thereof and extending outwardly therefrom, the hook functioning to receive the latch for securing the upper lug portion and the lower lug portion to one another when the upper lug portion slides downwardly into the groove of the lower lug portion,

functioning to allow a user to remove the drumhead quickly and disassemble a drum set utilizing the assembly, for the purposes of transport of same, while maintaining tuning of the drumhead.

a1 12. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein lug members are solid cast in steel.

13. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly utilizes a mechanism selected from the group consisting of a cross groove mechanism, a draw hasp and lever, and a flipped hasp and lever.

14. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly bears an appearance similar to that of previously existing drum lugs, functioning to maintain the intended appearance of the drum.

15. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly is utilized in conjunction with drums selected from the group consisting of a bass drum, large tom, snare drum, and smaller tom.

16. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly is utilized in connection with hybrid drums.

17. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly allows for nesting of a plurality of drums equipped with quick release drum lugs.

a¹. 18. The quick release drum lug assembly as described in claim 11, wherein the assembly further utilizes an additional locking screw that functions to keep the tuning rod in a fixed position during transport.
